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To The Australian Human Rights Commission 14/07/2015

I am the parent of Lauren who is 29 and has Downs Syndrome. Lauren knows that she is different, so she has always tended to isolate her self from main stream. In primary school she did this. In high school she attended Cromhurst Special School and she was very comfortable in her surroundings. In her final year of school she attended work experience at Sunnyfield at Allambie Heights, and started full time at Sunnyfield the following year, She has now been there for almost eleven years. Lauren loves working in her environment with people who suffer from all kinds of life challenges.

Our fear as parents is that places such as Sunnyfield will never be able to generate enough income to pay standard award wages and will have to close their doors. Lauren is not looking for a wage increase, she is just looking forward to living as normal a life as is possible, and her five days a week at Sunnyfield is a big part of that.

Thank you for giving us parents and carers of the disabled an opportunity to express our sentiments,

Yours sincerely John & Noeline Cavanagh, for Lauren the apple of our eyes.
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